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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Brian Eric Bakke et al. Art Unit: 2113
Application No.: 09/932,140 Examiner: Joseph D. Manoskey
Filed: August 17, 2001 Atty. Docket No.: IBM/178
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING REDUNDANT ACCESS TO A SHARED
RESOURCE WITH A SHAREABLE SPARE ADAPTER

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM
THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision of the Primary Examiner mailed **May 5, 2006** finally rejecting claims **1-29**. As August 5, 2006 is a Saturday, the period for response extends up to and includes August 7, 2006, and this paper is timely filed.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. Applicants hereby petition for a month extension of time to reply to the final rejection.
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